Cree artist reframes history at the Met

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Canadian Cree artist Kent Monkman is unveiling two paintings commissioned by the Metropolitan Museum of Art to hang in the New York institution's main entrance.

The installation, titled "mistikosiwak" ("Wooden Boat People"), is set to open in the Met's Great Hall on Thursday. The works feature Monkman's supernatural, gender-fluid alter-ego, Miss Chief Eagle Testickle, who reverses the colonial gaze to put forward a new artistic vision of Indigenous Peoples.

The large-scale paintings also contain references to works in the Met's collection, challenging European and North American depictions of Indigenous subjects. In an interview posted on the Met's website, Monkman says he sees this as a "turning point" for an institution that is encouraging shared perspectives on its own history.

The Met exhibition runs from Thursday to April 9. Monkman's solo exhibition, "Shame and Prejudice: A Story of Resilience," is touring museums across Canada until 2020.

The Canadian Press

'Antigone' misses out on Oscar race

Canada is no longer in the running for Best International Feature at the upcoming Oscars. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has released the list of films that will advance to the next round of voting in the category and Montreal writer-director Sophie Deraspe's "Antigone" is not among them. The 10 titles that made the cut are Spain's "Pain and Glory" starring Antonio Banderas; class warfare drama "Parasite" from South Korean filmmaker Bong Joon Ho; and France's "Les Misérables," which won the Cannes Jury Prize. The final list of Oscar nominees will be revealed on Jan. 13. Two NFB films made the list in the Best Animated Short category: "The Physics of Sorrow" and "Uncle Thomas: Accounting for the Days." "Brotherhood" by Montreal-based Tunisian filmmaker Meryam Joobeur is in the running for Live Action Short. The Qatar/USA/Canada co-production "St. Louis Superman" made the short list in the Documentary Short Subject category for its look at a Ferguson activist and battle rapper who was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives.

The Canadian Press

Property Brothers renewed on HGTV

The Property Brothers' TV ubiquity isn't ending any time soon. HGTV has extended its talent deal with Vancouver-born Drew and Jonathan Scott through 2022. That includes another 40 episodes of "Property Brothers: Forever Home" and six more episodes of "Brother vs. Brother." The 41-year-old twins have become popular since starting out in 2011 with "Property Brothers," in which they help homeowners renovate fixer-uppers. It was followed by titles like "Property Brothers at Home" and "Property Brothers: Buying and Selling."

Debra Yeo

Home for holidays takes new meaning

It will be Netflix and ho-ho-hold the turkey dinner for one in four Canadians, according to a survey commissioned by Crave. The service says about nine million people plan to skip events like family get-togethers and work parties to stay home and stream, based on numbers from data service firm Maru/Blue, with millennials, men and Quebecers more likely to cocoon. Crave says "Game of Thrones" was the most popular show streamed on its service this year, with "The Handmaid's Tale," "Chernobyl," "Big Little Lies" and "Letterkenny" rounding out the top five.

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Thunberg subject of documentary

The Swedish teen activist Greta Thunberg, who ascended to fame challenging world officials on climate change policy (or lack thereof), will be the subject of a documentary at Hulu. The project, which has been in the works since Thunberg's 2018 school strikes in Stockholm, will chronicle the young environmentalist's rise to global prominence. It's set to hit the streaming service next year. Directed by Swedish filmmaker Nathan Grossman, "Greta" - the film's working title - will follow Thunberg's fight for a more sustainable Earth. Since her school-skipping demonstrations in August 2018, the 16-year-old has become a poster child for environmentalism, joining international protests and delivering passionate speeches at the United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York City and, more recently, the COP25 Climate Change conference in Madrid.

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